

ATTACKS FRENCH PRESIDENT

ROYALIST GRASPS HIM BY THE THROAT IN THE STREET.

M. Fallières Was Taking His Morning Walk—Not Seriously Hurt, He Remains Calm While Attendants Arrest Assailant, Who May Be a Crank.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—While President Armand Fallières, accompanied by M. Ramondou, his secretary, and two friends, was taking his usual morning walk to-day a respectable dressed man came up behind him as he was about to cross the Avenue d'Iena and struck him a violent blow on the head, knocking his hat off.

M. Ramondou and the other two men in the party seized the aggressor. Two detectives who were following the President handcuffed the assailant and took him to the police station, where he was identified as Jean Mathis, an unemployed waiter. The motive for the attack is unknown.

When M. Fallières reached the Palace of the Elysée he found Prime Minister Clemenceau awaiting him. M. Fallières told the Minister that he was crossing the avenue when a man who had been walking in front of him stopped as if to allow him to pass. As he did so the man suddenly threw himself on the President, squeezing his throat so hard that his nails made quite a large scratch behind one of the President's ears. The President's collar bore a small bloodspot.

M. Fallières did not lose his calmness. He continued his walk and returned to the Palace of the Elysée an hour and twenty minutes later on foot.

Mathis is 35 years old. He had no weapon. A quantity of reactionary and monarchist journals, reviews and pamphlets were found in his room. At the police station he boasted of his action, declaring that his conscience and duty dictated it. Apparently he is weak minded.

According to the *Intransigeant*, a picture of the Duke of Orleans was found in Mathis's possession, a medal of Gen. Mercier, formerly Minister of War, and a membership card in the Patrie Française. While reproving the act of aggression, the *Intransigeant* thinks a certain amount of reserve is necessary as regards the incident. It suggests that the political police may have wished to create a diversion with the object of distracting attention from the recent scandal concerning the death of Advocate Philippe Aréresse, in which the name of André Fallières, son of the President, was mentioned as having participated in an intrigue with M. Aréresse's wife.

Mathis declared before a Magistrate that he did not wish to hurt M. Fallières. He only wanted to make a demonstration of the displeasure he felt toward the President, who had contracted scandalous alliances with the Free Masons and other enemies of the country. He added: "I am a patriot, and I resolved to strike a great blow. Nobody suggested it. It was a divine inspiration."

Mathis, who lived at the same hotel for six years, paying \$7 monthly, seems never to have worked. He told the Magistrate hesitatingly that his relatives helped to support him.

The Patrie Française is a league founded in 1898, originally by university professors, as an anti-Dréfyus organization. Later it was transformed into a group of discontented with the present régime. Thus many of its members are also members of the Action Française, a Royalist organization advocating the establishment of a monarchy even by the most violent means.

It was this organization which stirred up the recent scandal connecting the name of André Fallières with the suicide of the Avocat Aréresse and declaring that young Fallières was Mme. Aréresse's lover. One of its leading policies is to discredit and lessen the dignity of the President of France by any possible means.

The present attempt to insult M. Fallières if due to the indignation of the organization is likely to fall as signally as a similar attempt that was made to insult President Loubet in 1906, when the reactionary Baron Christiani struck him at the Autouil racoonade. M. Loubet, who previously had been distinctly unpopular, partly owing to his name having been connected with the Panama Canal scandal, immediately afterward became quite popular.

The scandal affecting the son of President Fallières was first hinted at several weeks ago. About a week ago the story came out in print. It concerned the death of a young man, Philippe Aréresse, an avocet of the Court of Appeals in Paris. André Fallières, son of the President, according to the story, was surprised by Aréresse in the latter's home. Shortly afterward, the story goes, the wife of Aréresse ran from the house crying out that her husband had killed himself.

Efforts were made to make another Steinheil case of the affair, but inasmuch as the story was printed only by newspapers inimical to President Fallières the allegations were treated as being made up solely for political effect. The neutral papers, however, asked at first that the matter be cleared up. The *Temps*, usually well informed, finally issued a semi-official statement on Wednesday to the effect that André Fallières never knew Mme. Aréresse and that his acquaintance with Aréresse was wholly of a business nature. He had never visited Aréresse at his home, it was asserted. This view seems to have been pretty generally accepted in Paris.

The present is not the first time that attacks of one kind or other have been made upon President Fallières since his election. An anarchist by the name of Civillo was arrested by the police of Marseilles on August 21, 1908, on the charge of plotting to assassinate M. Fallières. Immediately following the arrest a quantity of bombs and other explosives were found in Civillo's house. Fallières' letters were received by M. Fallières a year later as he was leaving for Marseilles to unveil a statue, but the activity of the police made it impossible for these threats to be carried out. All along the route which Pres-

CASTRO'S FRIENDS PUT IN JAIL

GOMEZ WILL DRIVE LEADING ONES OUT OF VENEZUELA.

Enemies of Fallen Dictator Invited to Return—Dutch Embargo Banned—New Era Beginning Under Protection of the U. S.—To Adjust Disputes.

Special Cable Despatches to The Sun.

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Dec. 25.—Passengers arriving here to-day from ports in Venezuela report that Acting President Gomez is using drastic measures to prevent the friends and supporters of President Castro from starting a counter revolution.

Every prominent sympathizer with Castro in the country has been arrested and the jails are filled to overflowing with political prisoners.

The leading henchmen of Castro, it is said, will be deported as further precaution against a revolutionary outbreak. It is believed here that the energetic measures of the Gomez Government will prevent an uprising by friends of Castro. All the soldiers in the Venezuelan army who sympathize with Castro have been discharged and the ranks filled with supporters of Gomez.

The United States gunboat Dolphin has arrived at La Guayra and a Brazilian warship is reported anchored off Puerto Cabello. The United States and Brazil in response to the invitation of Señor Gomez will undertake the work of patrolling the Venezuelan coast and preventing the landing of revolutionary expeditions.

WILLEMSTADT, Curaçao, Dec. 25.—President Castro's arch enemy Gen. Gregorio Riera, who has for a number of years been trying to oust Castro from power by fermenting revolutions, will leave here on Sunday for Caracas. He says he has been summoned by President Gomez.

Another of Castro's opponents, Gen. Aristides Telleria, at one time a Governor of a Venezuelan State, but of recent years an exile by orders of Castro, will also return to that country at the request of President Gomez.

The Dutch cruiser Gelderland has returned to this port, indicating that the patrolling of the Venezuelan coast has ceased.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Political conditions in Venezuela have been clearing perceptibly during the last week and it is the general belief of officers of the State Department that all the pending difficulties of the Venezuelan Government will be adjudicated to the satisfaction of all the nations involved. A new era, it is predicted, will soon dawn upon Venezuela.

With the arrival of the American vessels in Venezuelan waters it is the general impression that all opposition to the new administration of President Gomez will be dissipated. As soon as it is learned that his administration has the moral support not only of the United States and Holland but also of nearly every other country that has interests in Venezuela there will be in the opinion of the officers of the United States Government no further opposition to the Gomez régime.

How thorough and complete has been the reversal of Castro's foreign policies is illustrated not only by President Gomez's action in extending the olive branch to the United States, but also by his revocation of a former decree which prohibited the entrance of merchandise from Colombia into Venezuela. These countries have been long standing enemies.

More recently their difficulties have been rendered acute by a decree issued by President Castro which practically wiped out all commercial intercourse over the border between Venezuela and Colombia. There was also a dispute between the two countries as to the exact location of their boundary.

Colombia had not maintained a diplomatic representative at Caracas for some years. One of the first official acts performed by President Gomez upon assuming full executive authority was to revoke the decree which was so obnoxious to Colombian merchants. President Gomez's conciliatory attitude toward Colombia will probably lead to a resumption of diplomatic relations.

Besides the claims of the United States against Venezuela several European nations have disputes which have been pending for months. France will probably begin negotiations for the adjustment of her difficulty with Castro which grew out of the confiscation of the French cable company's station in Venezuela and the expulsion of M. Taigny, the French Minister at Caracas.

Early last summer President Castro revoked the match and salt monopolies held by British subjects. Germany is also the only world Power which has no dispute with Venezuela. Señor Paul, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the new Government, will leave for Holland soon to arrange terms of settlement of the disputes between Venezuela and Holland.

PUTCHER GOT THE GIRL.

Former Princeton Football Player Married After Elopement.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 25.—The elopement and marriage of Miss Marian Blingerman of this city to Ogden Dutcher, a former football player of Princeton University and now a civil engineer in New York, has just been brought to light by a telegram sent by Mrs. Dutcher to her stepfather, James Comfort of this city. The message read:

"Married. Going West. Forgive me. Take good care of mother."

The marriage followed after years of waiting. The courtship began when Mr. Dutcher was a freshman in the university. His wife was then but 16 years old, and her mother persistently refused to consent to their marriage, while the stepfather would not even agree to have Mr. Dutcher visit his stepdaughter.

KILLED COASTING ALL ALONE

F. W. SCANNELL FOUND DYING ON STORM KING.

Left a Christmas Party to Try the Snow Slides and Ran Against a Rock—Had Been a Broker on the Curb for Some Years for Wrenn Bros. & Co.

Fitzwilliam Lonsdale Scannell, a friend of Robert D. Wrenn and George L. Wrenn, Jr., the former tennis champions, and connected with the Wrenn Bros. & Co. brokerage firm at 21 Broad street, was killed almost instantly yesterday afternoon while coasting on Storm King, near the home of his aunt, Mrs. Birney Fellows, at Cornwall on the Hudson. Mr. Scannell, who was 23 years old, lived at 19 Fifth avenue with Dr. Edward Lasell Partridge.

The young man had gone up to Cornwall to spend the Christmas holidays at the home of Mrs. Birney. Dr. Partridge has a country place on Storm King and other friends and relatives of Mr. Scannell's have country places in the neighborhood.

A little past noon yesterday, noticing that the snow on the mountain was packed hard and offered fine coasting, young Scannell left Mrs. Fellows's house, taking a small sled. He went alone, saying that he wanted to have a bit of fun and would return in plenty of time for luncheon.

Near the top of Storm King are a number of steep, always more or less dangerous coasting grounds where the descent is abrupt and coasters are liable to upset from outjutting rocks along the roadways.

Less than half an hour after he left the house several of the party went up the mountain to see how young Scannell was doing with his coasting. At a turn in the road they found him dying.

Apparently the accident which caused his death had occurred only a few minutes before these from the house arrived. Mr. Scannell, doubled up in the snow, lay a dozen yards from his sled, which had struck an outcropping rock. The sled apparently had hurled him forward against a large stone and the blow had fractured his skull.

They saw that he was unconscious but still breathing and carried him down the mountain to Mrs. Fellows's house. Doctors were called from Newburgh and Cornwall and a telephone message was sent to Dr. Edward Lasell Partridge, who was at his home, 45 Fifth avenue, where young Scannell lived. The local physicians were unable to rouse Mr. Scannell and three-quarters of an hour after he was carried into the house he died. Dr. Partridge arrived some time afterward.

The young man had been employed with the Wrenn brokerage concern for some time and was well known among the younger men in the Wall Street district. His father and mother are dead, and for years he has been making his home with Dr. Partridge. Dr. Partridge got the news very briefly yesterday afternoon and hurried to Cornwall.

Robert D. Wrenn, of the brokerage firm with which Mr. Scannell was connected, heard about the accident last evening while he was starting for Boeton. A doctor who had been informed of the death called up Mr. Wrenn and said that Mr. Scannell was killed instantly while coasting alone on Storm King.

"It was a decided shock to me," said Mr. Wrenn last night. "Mr. Scannell had been with our firm five years, lately as one of our representatives on the curb. He was a fine, hardworking young man, and he had displayed so much energy and intelligence in the business that we raised his pay several times. He would have gone far in a business career, I believe. For the last few years Mr. Scannell made his home with Dr. Partridge in Fifth avenue."

MERRY XMAS FOR A FUGITIVE.

Came Back to a Wife Who Had Mourned Him as Dead and to Helpful Friends.

PRINCETON, Ind., Dec. 25.—Henry E. Agar, the absconding representative in the Legislature who was supposed to have been drowned in the Wabash two years ago but who was arrested in Texas a week ago, was received with open arms by old friends when he reached here this morning in charge of the Sheriff. Every one seemed glad to see him, and the meeting between him and his wife, who had mourned him as dead for two years and had collected some insurance on his life, was a most affecting one.

Within an hour after his arrival he was arraigned, and examination was waived. The charge was the alleged forgery of the name of Hugh D. McGary on a note for \$5,000 on the American National Bank of this city. On this the first warrant had been issued and the requisition papers granted by the Governors of two States, though they were not needed.

Justice Sprou fixed the bond at \$1,000, and a bond filled out for the amount and signed by Agar and ten of the best citizens of Gibson county, representing not less than \$150,000, was straightway handed over.

Agar's friends are preparing to secure his indebtedness and have all cases against him dismissed. Persons whom he wronged have been asked to sue and to forgive and forget, and it is said that every dollar represented in forged paper will be made good. Friends in Texas, where Agar was known as Ralph Conner, and where he was engaged in many business enterprises, have notified his friends that they will do more than their part in paying off his indebtedness.

MIKADO SEES ONLY PEACE.

Tells Japanese Parliament That Financial Reform Is Contemplated.

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The Julia Luckenbach the Other Partner in a Mishap ON Virginia Coast.

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MAY MITIGATE SENTENCES.

Rumors That the President Will Extend Executive Clemency to Labor Leaders.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—There are persistent rumors that President Roosevelt is prepared to extend Executive clemency to the extent of mitigating the sentences imposed upon Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, officers of the American Federation of Labor. The respondents named were adjudged guilty of contempt by Justice Wright for violating an injunction issued by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia enjoining them from boycotting the business of the Bucks Store and Range Company of St. Louis.

The President has given very little attention to the final phase of the case presented by the extended opinion of Justice Wright. He will read the opinion carefully and probably review the evidence submitted. The hundreds of telegrams received by the President concerning the opinion, most of them from labor organizations and leaders, condemning the opinion, but a few commending, have been turned over to Attorney-General McQuinn.

After a reasonable time the President intends to go over the case carefully with the Attorney-General. It is represented by those who profess to know the President's view on the matter that he finds justification for reviewing the case in the telegrams that have come to him protesting against the decision which, by implication at least, amount to suggestions for the exercise of Executive clemency.

Justice Daniel Thew Wright, author of the decision in the contempt case, will leave Washington to-morrow for Cincinnati to meet his brother and go for a week's hunting trip in Kentucky. Justice Wright was appointed to the District Supreme bench from Cincinnati by President Roosevelt on the recommendation of Senator Foraker.

SUIT AGAINST BLAINE ELKINS.

Actress Withdrew It, but Her Attorneys Say She Had No Right to Do So.

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 25.—Epstein & Epstein, the lawyers employed by Louise Lonsdale, the New York actress who sued Blaine Elkins, son of Senator Stephen D. Elkins, for damages for blighted affections and who suddenly withdrew her case and had the proceedings dismissed, have come before Judge Dayton in the United States court at Philippi with the claim that she had no right to do this without their consent, as they had a lien on the case. They base this claim on the ground that they took the case for a contingent fee. They were represented by Attorney Maxwell of Elkins, and Blaine Elkins was represented by Attorney Fred Blue of Philippi.

Judge Dayton when the proceedings were brought to the court said that the point raised was a new one in his court and that he would take it under advisement.

The peculiar fact in connection with the proceedings is that Judge Dayton owes his political success to Senator Elkins. He has always been closely associated with him and had his backing when he was elected to Congress several times, defeating William L. Wilson, who was the father of the Wilson tariff bill, when he was first a candidate and realizing his highest ambition through Senator Elkins's influence when he was appointed Judge of the Federal court of this district, succeeding the famous "Iron Judge," John Jay Jackson.

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WOULDN'T HEAR WILSHIRE.

Socialist Interrupts Wilton Lackaye's Speech and Is Voted Down.

Wilton Lackaye, playing at the Savoy Theatre in "The Battle" last night came out after the third act in response to applause and made a short speech, in the course of which he said that the play was not meant to deal in any way with socialism. Gaylord Wilshire, editor of a Socialist magazine, jumped to his feet and said he wanted to say something on the question.

"We'll leave it to a vote of the audience," said Lackaye, and asked his hearers to decide whether or not they were willing to listen to Wilshire. The eyes numbered two or three, but seemed to come from employees of the house. The eyes nearly brought the house down, but Lackaye called it a draw.

Outside in the lobby Mr. Wilshire received reporters, who came around by notification, and Bob McCullough, press agent, stood off in a corner and laughed gleefully as though the whole thing was a joke.

HARRIMAN'S PLAYGROUND.

Elaborate Plans for the Entertainment of His Employees at Arden.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Dec. 25.—E. H. Harriman, who has an estate of 20,000 acres at Arden, Orange county, upon which he is building a mansion to cost nearly a million dollars, has begun building a large playground near his new home to provide sport for his employees. The place is blasted out of solid rock and covers two and a half acres. The whole will be covered with a cement floor and enclosed by a wall of concrete four feet in height. There will be tennis and squash courts, croquet grounds, bowling alleys, target rings and apparatus for gymnastics. In the summer the amusement ground will be covered with dirt, but during the winter the dirt will be removed, the ground flooded and ice carnivals will be a feature of the house parties at the Harriman mansion.

OPPOSE CHINESE EMBASSY.

Opinion in Peking Unfavorable to Proposed Diplomatic Change.

SPECIAL CABLE DESPATCH TO THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 25.—The Peking correspondent of the Times says the projected elevation of the American Legation at Peking and the Chinese Legation at Washington to embassies is much discussed. Comment, even among those interested in strengthening the friendship between the two countries, is almost wholly unfavorable.

Foreigners, among other reasons, fear that the premature granting of such a distinction will retard China's progress, while prominent Chinese oppose the subversion of the present procedure in diplomatic intercourse, knowing that Ambassadors would be entitled to personal audiences with the sovereign and that they would refuse to treat with minor, irresponsible officials.

LIUT. RAINS RESIGNS.

He Is Charged With Duplicating Pay Accounts and Disappeared Weeks Ago.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—First Lieut. Edward L. Rains, Twenty-fifth Infantry, former recruiting officer at Providence, R. I., who disappeared from his post several weeks ago after an investigation of his accounts, has sent his resignation to President Roosevelt. It is not likely, however, that it will be accepted. Lieut. Rains is charged with duplication of pay accounts. He is being carried on the military rolls as absent in desertion. It is understood that he is in Canada.

TO PROTECT CHINA'S REGENT.

Vague Stories of Danger Came Organization of Peking Palace Guard.

SPECIAL CABLE DESPATCH TO THE SUN. PEKING, Dec. 25.—Vague fears seem to be entertained for the safety of the Regent, Prince Chun. A newspaper owned by Grand Councillor Guan-Shih-Kai advised him yesterday to confine himself to the palace bounds for fear of assassination.

Orders were issued to-day for the organization of a palace guard for the Prince. It is to be made of picked men from the Manchurian regiments. The commission in charge of the guarding of the Peking guards, consisting of Prince Tai-tao, Prince Yu Lang and Grand Councillor Tieh-liang, has been ordered to muster the new guard.

MRS. MEYER AS SANTA CLAUS.

Postmaster-General's Wife Distributes Gifts to More Than 1,000 Children.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Mrs. Meyer, wife of the Postmaster-General, distributed gifts this afternoon to more than a thousand children of employees of the Post Office Department. The gathering was held in the new Masonic Temple, Mrs. Meyer's assistants handed out presents of candy, teddy bears and other articles. In the large auditorium of the temple the visitors were entertained by an orchestra, a vocal soloist and moving pictures.

ITALY PLANS HOSPITALITY.

Preparations in Progress at Naples for Visit of a U. S. Battleship Squadron.

SPECIAL CABLE DESPATCH TO THE SUN. NAPLES, Dec. 25.—A cordial welcome is being prepared for the ships of the United States battleship fleet which are expected to make a visit here about January 17. The squadron assigned to this port is understood to consist of the Wisconsin, Illinois and Kansas, under command of Rear Admiral Potter.

Encourages have been assigned in the military harbor by the Italian Naval Department. A committee headed by the Mayor is planning a dinner to the officers and men, a gala evening performance at the Theatre of San Carlo and excursions to Pompeii, the Island of Capri, Sorrento and Mount Vesuvius.

The ships are expected to stop here ten days and in the course of the visit the Admiral and his staff will go to Rome, where they will be received by King Victor Emmanuel and Vice-Admiral Miraballo, the Minister of the Navy.

Among the entertainments for the officers there will be a dinner given by the Duke of Aosta at Capo di Monte.

SMUGGLED CHINAMEN CAUGHT.

Five in Sombre, Recaptured in Jersey City—One Escaped, Is Recaptured.

ANTONIO DALESANDIO, a United States immigration inspector, was sent to Jersey City on Thursday night to look out for the arrival from Fort Worth, Tex., of five Chinamen who had been smuggled across the Mexican border. He landed at the Erie station and learned that the Chinamen were due to come in over the Pennsylvania Railroad. He hired a cab and reached the station just as the train rolled in. The Chinamen were Mexican sombreros and Dalesandio had no trouble in picking them out of a crowd of travel stained passengers.

As he was escorting his prisoners aboard a Montgomery street line pay as you enter car one escaped and he was unable to pursue him for fear of losing the others. He took the quartet to the Seventh precinct station, where they were locked up. A general alarm was sent out for a Chinaman with a sombrero, and Policeman Frank Regan of the Sixth precinct arrested the escaped prisoner in Palisades avenue early yesterday morning. A general alarm was sent out before United States Commissioner Lindsay Rowe

TWO DYING FROM AUTO CRASH.

MACHINE COLLIDES WITH CAR IN CENTRAL PARK.

George C. Hurlbut, Librarian of American Geographical Society, and His Daughter Sustained Fractures of the Skull—Automobile Skidded on the Road.

George C. Hurlbut, who is 70 years of age and who for over twenty years has been librarian of the American Geographical Society at 15 West Eighty-first street, and his daughter, Illone Hurlbut, were thrown from an automobile on the Eighty-sixth street transverse road through Central Park yesterday afternoon by the collision of the machine they were riding in with an Eighty-sixth street car. They lie in the Presbyterian Hospital near death, the father with a fractured skull and the daughter with a fractured skull and broken right forearm.

The accident came swiftly. While Agg of 160 Manhattan avenue, who owns an automobile and lets it out for hire, running the car himself, was carrying Mr. Hurlbut and his daughter east through the transverse roadway. The machine skidded when it was turned to one side to pass a westbound car and the impact of the two pitched the librarian and his daughter out onto the frozen road.

Mr. Hurlbut lives with his daughter, 550 West End avenue. Yesterday afternoon they left home to pay some Christmas calls. At the corner of Eighty-sixth street and Broadway Mr. Hurlbut found Agg and his closed car. Mr. Hurlbut negotiated with the car owner to take them east through the park to several addresses along upper Madison avenue. Agg drove his car to Central Park West and then swung down and turned into the transverse road. What happened then Agg explained to the police of the Arsenal station in this manner:

"It was about five minutes past 4 o'clock and I was driving the car at a fair pace down the road on the tracks. I saw an Eighty-sixth street car coming up toward me and swung the machine off the tracks. We were just passing the Park Department shops at that point and there is a sharp curve in the road. The curve and the thick crust of ice on the road caused the rear wheels to skid inward. The car, coming at a rapid pace, struck the tonneau of the auto just back of the door and threw the machine over to the north side of the roadway with a quick jerk. I kept my seat, but I heard the women scream, and I saw them both pitched out of the open door onto the road."

Motorman James Gannan, who was at the controller of the car, threw on the air as quickly as he could and brought the car to a stop within ten feet of the wrecked auto. Passengers hurried to the door of the two figures lying on the frozen road. Both were unconscious and Mr. Hurlbut was bleeding from the nose and mouth.

A red taxicab happened to be following the machine and was driving down the roadway. Patrolman John J. Tait of the Arsenal station, who was on the ground almost as soon as the accident happened, directed the driver of the taxi to carry Mr. and Mrs. Hurlbut to the Presbyterian Hospital as quickly as he could. The two unconscious folk were rushed to the hospital in record time.

There the physicians found that both of them had sustained fractures of the skull and that the daughter had also had her forearm snapped just above the wrist. Both Mr. Hurlbut and his daughter were in a deep coma, from which the physicians were unable to rouse them.

It was announced at the hospital late last night that because of his age and the serious nature of the fracture of his skull Mr. Hurlbut had little chance of recovery. Miss Hurlbut's condition was grave, but not so serious as that of her father. After the injured librarian and his daughter had been taken to the hospital Tait arrested Agg and Motorman Gannan. After being booked at the Arsenal station on a technical charge of felonious assault they were locked up at the East Sixty-seventh street station. The motorman was bailed out shortly by an officer of the railroad company, but Agg has some difficulty in finding a bondsman and it was late last night before he was released.

The auto was badly wrecked by the force of the blow received from the car. One side of the tonneau was stove in, the glass of the limousine was shattered and the rear wheel that had been struck by the car was shorn off. Traffic on the car line was tied up for a considerable time before the wrecked auto could be dragged off the track.

Agg being the owner of his car was not obliged to have a chauffeur's license. When arrested he showed the police a public hall license, which he had in his possession and under which he was entitled to receive passengers for fare.

Mr. Hurlbut was born in Charleston, S. C., and received his early education there. Early in life he went to San Francisco and there he was one of the first to hold the position of librarian in the then newly established Mercantile Library. He came to New York early in the '80s and soon accepted the position of librarian for the American Geographical Society.

Mr. Hurlbut's wife died six years ago. His daughter, who is 35 years old, is his only child. For several years she has been assistant librarian in the library of the Geographical Society under her father.

TO REMAIN IN WASHINGTON.

Baron Rosen Dentes Reports That He Is to Be Transferred to Another Post.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Baron Rosen, the Russian Ambassador to the United States, who returned yesterday from a vacation of several months in Europe, is not worried by rumors which have recently been current from St. Petersburg that he is to be recalled and transferred to some other post.

"It was established upon arriving in this country to hear such a rumor," the Ambassador said, "and I can say positively that it is absolutely without foundation. I cannot imagine where such rumors originated and why they are circulated, but this is one without authority. I shall remain in Washington."

IDEAL FLORIDA SERVICE VIA SEABOARD AIR LINE.